

amounting to Rs. 21.55 crore has also been released to Orissa. In addition, against the demand of Rs. 1974.23 crore and Rs. 443.95 crore projected by the Governments of Gujarat and Orissa in the wake of drought, assistance of Rs. 85.00 crore to Gujarat and Rs. 35.00 crore to Orissa have been released from the National Calamity Contingency Fund. The other steps taken include transportation of water and fodder by the Railways free of cost, allocation of foodgrains at Below Poverty Line (BPL) rates, allocation of foodgrains for Food for Work Programme free of cost and release of "feed grade" foodgrains to be used as cattle feed.

Promotion and development of cooperative sector

†110. SHRI M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the specific proposals formulated by Government to promote and develop cooperative sector in the rural areas of the country;

(b) what necessary steps, have been taken by Government, so far, to implement the above proposals; and

(c) the achievements made after implementation of the above proposals for development of cooperative sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government of India has been formulating various Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes to promote and develop cooperative sector in the country, primarily in the rural areas. A list of the Schemes is given in Statement-I (*See* below). The Government of India has already set up a statutory body *i.e.* National Cooperative Development Corporation to promote cooperatives in the country. The Government is providing 100 percent financial grant to National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT) for conducting cooperative training programmes in the country. National Cooperative Union of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

India (NCUI) is also getting 100 per cent grant-in-aid from the Government of India for implementation of the special component for intensification of cooperative education and 20% grant for other approved activities like general cooperative education programmes, education programmes for women etc.

(c) The Cooperative Sector in India has emerged as one the largest in the world with 5.04 lakh Cooperative Societies of various types with a membership of 2091.27 lakhs and working capital of Rs. 22711183.00 lakhs as on 31.3.2000. Almost 100 percent villages are covered under the cooperatives fold and about 67 percent of the rural household are the members of the cooperative institutions.

As on 31.3.2000 the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has provided financial assistance of Rs. 5214.34 crores for various development programmes in the country, which includes assistance of Rs. 462.52 crores released during 1999-2000

Statement

List of Schemes to Promote and Develop Cooperative Sector in the Country, primarily in the rural areas

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME

- (i) Central Sector Scheme for Cooperative Education & Training
- (ii) Assistance to National Cooperative Federation
- (iii) Assistance to NAFED for promoting business activities
- (iv) Development of Multi-State Cooperative Societies and Strengthening of Cooperation Division (Direction and Administration)
- (v) Integrated Cooperative Development Project in selected Districts.
- (vi) Assistance for Women Cooperatives

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(vii) Assistance to National Federation of Labour Cooperatives

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

(viii) Assistance for Cooperative Marketing, Processing and Storage programmes in Cooperatively Underdeveloped States and Union Territories

(ix) Share capital participation in cooperative sugar mills

(x) Assistance for grower's Cooperative Spinning Mills

(xi) Assistance to Weaker Section Cooperatives

EXTERNALLY AIDED SCHEMES

(xii) Development of Cooperative Rural Growth Centre (EAP) in Bihar

xiii) Coconut development Project in Kerala (EEC Assisted)

Earthquake in Gujarat

111. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas affected by earthquake in Gujarat and elsewhere in the country;

(b) the estimated loss of lives and properties in those areas and various sectors affected as a result thereof;

(c) the relief, rehabilitation and rescue operation undertaken in those areas; and

(d) the details of the Central assistance extended to the State for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) 1.97 crore population in 7904 villages in 182 taluks of 21 districts in Gujarat have been affected. No report on damage due to earthquake has been received from the other States. As per reports available